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PREPARED BY: Mike Swift

COMMISSIONER: Deidre Malone

APPROVED BY: Mary Bright

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A CONTRACT WITH HARRIS COMPUTER SYSTEMS FOR THE LICENSE TO USE THEIR GOVERNMENT E-MANAGEMENT SOLUTIONS (GEMS) SOFTWARE. THE CONTRACT IS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS SOFTWARE AND A SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT. IN ADDITION, THIS RESOLUTION AUTHORIZES THE PURCHASE OF THE REQUIRED COMPUTER HARDWARE AND APPROPRIATES FUNDS FROM FY 2009, CIP BUDGET ACCOUNT 909-101714-7024 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$949,881 AND AUTHORIZES THE SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE CONTRACT FROM THE OPERATING AND MAINTENANCE BUDGET ACCOUNT 010-201804-6780 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$165,841. SPONSORED BY COMMISSIONER DEIDRE MALONE.

WHEREAS, The Shelby County Government's Finance, Purchasing and Human Resource financial application and reporting system has been in use since 1998 and is in dire need of a comprehensive overhaul and upgrade to perform at the required capacity and produce and perform the necessary functions, reports and analyses to remain effective; and

WHEREAS, The vendor that provided the current financial system is no longer able to provide appropriate support and maintenance of their system; and

WHEREAS, The GEMS software is a by-product of the existing system and has significant upgrades and functions with technology and applications that allow the necessary interfaces with other more cost effective products and produces the needed results and analysis; and

WHEREAS, Extensive research of new systems indicated that new computer systems were likely to cost in excess of \$10 million; and

WHEREAS, The GEMS upgrade will provide the needed software, hardware, maintenance, and needed interfaces for less than \$1 million.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE, that the contract with Harris Computer Systems is hereby approved to purchase the GEMS software license, implementation services, and supporting maintenance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the support and maintenance contract is hereby approved for the current year with the option to renew for five additional one-year periods.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That \$949,841 is hereby appropriated from the FY2009 CIP Budget account number 909-101714-7024 for the contract and required equipment as detailed in Exhibit A, which is attached hereto and incorporated hereinto by reference.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the options to renew for support and maintenance, are hereby approved subject to the annual appropriation of funds for each renewal term's corresponding Fiscal Operating Year by Shelby County Government. In the event sufficient funds for said Amendments are not appropriated by the Board of Commissioners for the fiscal periods relating to any new renewal term, then the Amendment will be terminated.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Mayor of Shelby County and the Director of Finance are authorized to issue their warrant or warrants in the amounts of \$949,881, from Account No. 901-101714-7024 Infrastructure Assets and for the support maintenance contract \$165,841 from Account No. 010-201804-6780 Maintenance Equipment in accordance with the contract documents and to take proper credit in their accounting therefore.

A C Wharton, Jr.
County Mayor

Date: _____

ATTEST:

Clerk of County Commission

ADOPTED: _____

SUMMARY SHEET

I. Description of Item

This resolution authorizes the purchase of a license for a financial accounting, purchasing and human resources computer system. The current system was implemented July 1, 1998 making it over 10 years old and the original vendor has not kept up with industry standards. This is a major upgrade of the current computer system that will provide substantially more functionality, it does comply with current industry standards and Harris Computer has a demonstrated track record of maintaining its software in compliance with current industry standards and regularly providing improvements and upgrades as part of their support maintenance contract. Substantial research was done and it was determined that the major government computer systems currently cost about \$10 million to purchase and implement. This upgrade at a cost of just under \$1 million is expected to meet our needs for at least 10 years and will be much easier to implement than a new system.

II. Source and Amount of Funding

The software and equipment funding along with any direct costs associated with the implementation will be from CIP account 909-101714-7024 Infrastructure Assets (\$949,881). The first year application and software maintenance for the applicable products will be from account 010-201804-6780 Maintenance Equipment (\$165,841).

III. Contract Items

Purchase of GEMS application and software, direct cost and supporting equipment. Also, includes maintenance agreements of all supporting software and applications.

IV. Additional Information Relevant to Approval of this Item

Administration recommends approval of this resolution.